

RUTH MAY BE SOLD TO YANKEES

THE WEATHER

Cloudy to-day.
Sun rises, 7:10; sets, 4:12.
High tide, 11:41 a. m.; 12:31 p. m.
Temperature at midnight, 31.5; at 8 a. m. 31; average 31.
Light air; velocity to-morrow 15 to 20.

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CHRISTMAS BASKET GOES TO 27,000 HUNDREDS TO BE RELEASED

43 TONS OF FOOD FOR NEEDY

Ten Huge Trucks to Distribute Yuletide Cheer of American Readers Tomorrow

The Boston American through its Christmas Basket Fund will distribute Christmas dinners for 27,000 people tomorrow. Every detail of the preliminary work has been accomplished, and promptly at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning ten five-ton trucks will leave the wholesale warehouse of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa for the eleven central stations. Upon these trucks forty-three tons of food will be carried.

Each family entitled to receive a basket will receive the following articles: Six pounds first quality milk fed chicken, one cup of best Maine corn; package of Swiss marmoset; package of Florida biscuits; one Libby's Brand condensed milk; quart best Cape cranberries; half pea best.

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16,000 BAGS OF CUMBER SUGAR DUE SUNDAY

Boston will receive the first consignment of new crop Cuban cane sugar next week when the American Sugar Cane Corporation's ship, the *Neveles*, is due to reach here Sunday with 16,000 bags of sugar, equivalent to 5,125,000 pounds.

Pope Will Buy Two Airplanes for His Special Errands

Rome, Dec. 23.—Benedict XV. intends to buy two airplanes of the latest type for use in special diplomatic errands, it was reported in Vatican circles today. One airplane may be kept in reserve in case the hurried departure of the pontiff is required at any time, although it is a tradition that the Pope never leaves the Vatican.

Girl Paralytic Saved By Prayers of Healer Hickson

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 23.—Her eyes bandaged for years, unable to hear the light, a victim of infantile paralysis, little Agnes Horvick of Lancaster has three aside the bandages and is declared to have been healed through prayers offered by James M. Hickson, who arrived in America from England recently. Even the strongest light is not now too glaring for Agnes' eyes since her cure. It was declared today by George Bechir, her grandfather. Many friends who saw her today expressed astonishment at what was characterized as her almost miraculous cure.

45 French U-Boats Damaged
Paris, Dec. 23.—Forty-five U-boats awaited to France by the supreme council have arrived in French ports. Most of them are in such bad condition that they cannot be repaired.

FRAZZEE IS READY TO TRADE

Said to Be Ready to Sell Ruth or Any Other Sox Player Except Hooper

By International News Service.
New York, Dec. 23.—Rumors that Babe Ruth is to become a Yankee before the opening of next season persisted in local baseball circles today, despite the fact that it has been impossible to get the least verification from either Boston player, with the possible exception of Harry Hooper. It is said that Frazee is quoted to the effect that he will sell or trade Ruth or any other Boston player, with the possible exception of Harry Hooper. It is said that Frazee turned down an offer of \$100,000 for Ruth from the Yankees last summer.

PAGE RE-ELECTED BY NEWBURYPORT RECOUNT

Newburyport, Dec. 23.—By a recount of last Tuesday's vote, Mayor David P. Page is re-elected by a plurality of eighteen votes. The return gave him a lead of twenty-two over George T. Castle. The figures were Page, 540; Castle, 518. The school vote was Page, 145; Castle, 123.

BRITAIN ABANDONS WORK ON DIRIGIBLES

New York, Dec. 23.—Great Britain has, for economic reasons, abandoned her plan to construct large dirigibles, and has discontinued work on all dirigibles, excepting the R-38, which has been bought by the United States navy, according to an official report received by the Aero Club of America. Many large aviation fields are to be converted to agricultural purposes, the report says.

HAVERHILL TO HAVE \$1,000,000 FACTORY

Haverhill, Dec. 23.—The site on the Merrimack River bank, above the Boston & Maine Railroad, in this city recently bought by Colonel William H. Root of Boston and Haverhill, is being cleared and three factory buildings, to cost a million for construction, will be started soon.

For your girl or boy—away from home—the BOSTON AMERICAN

an Ideal Xmas Gift \$6.60 postpaid

"Princess Pat," Who Wed a Commoner, Is a Mother



Lady Patricia Ramsay.

London, Dec. 23.—Lady Patricia Ramsay, formerly "Princess Pat" of Connaught, is the proud mother of a son. She was married last February to Commander Alexander Ramsay of the Royal Navy. "Princess Pat" is a cousin to King George. Her marriage to the exalted commoner was a love match and sanctioned by the royal family.

\$8,000 DAMAGE IN FIRE ON COMMERCIAL STREET

Fire caused a damage estimated at \$8,000 to the stock of two concerns occupying the premises at Nos. 72-74 Commercial street early today. The blaze was discovered in the rear room of the first floor, which is occupied by Charles, Cavell Company, retail merchants.

When the firemen arrived the blaze had worked up the rear stairway and was working through the second floor of the building, which is occupied by Marie, Hays Company, wholesale tobacco dealers. Much of the loss will be covered by the concern, as the water damage on the second floor will not be heavy.

Little damage was done to the stock in the storeroom on the third floor, while the fourth floor, used as a rigging loft, was not touched by the blaze.

NODY MAKERS
Chances for advancement, \$5 job work, full time, \$100 a week, 10% bonus, 10% commission, 10% profit, 10% interest, 10% stock, 10% bonds, 10% real estate, 10% other investments.

GERMANS IN IRELAND DEFIED BY PREMIER

Allied Reply Insists on Acceptance of Protocol; Concessions to Turks Probable

Paris, Dec. 23.—The allied reply to the last German note regarding the proposed peace conference, which was presented to the German peace delegation today, is better and to the point, according to Marcel Haris, writing in the *Echo de Paris*. M. Haris said that the French viewpoint prevailed. The French insisted upon the surrender by Germany of five more colonies and 400,000 tons of naval materials, as well as a pledge that the protocol would be accepted.

By International News Service.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The fate of Constantinople is expected to be decided by the Anglo-French conferences which are in progress in London this week, it was authoritatively reported today.

The conferences are being watched with the utmost interest in Paris. France is represented by General Berthelot, director of political affairs for the foreign office, and latter was expressed in some quarters that he might induce Premier Lloyd George's view that the Turks should be expelled from Europe. This belief, however, is not universal. A large element of French opinion is expressed in an article in *l'Echo de Paris* which advances the view that the Turks have been fairly punished by the loss of Syria, Arabia and Mesopotamia, and that the allies could take sufficient precautions to contain the Baghdad without raising Constantinople away from them. The Frenchmen who advocate leaving Constantinople to the Turks are said to be in the majority. They feel their arguments would have upon the Mussulman populations in Algeria and Morocco, where the French government rules.

When an El Car Dies Is It Sidetracked? Read This and See

Here's a little story about railroading on the well-known Elvated. It happened today on the Lake Street-Commonwealth avenue line and thousands of Bostonians were late at business as a result.

A Lake street car went dead at South Street and Commonwealth avenue, about twenty-five yards from a cross over leading to the Beacon street car barn.

Business by motorman of swapped times for five minutes. "Nothing doing," he remarks to the conductor.

The motorman sees another car behind a few yards behind. He walks back to it, returns with some more fuel and again business of swapping times.

He reports to the conductor. DID IT IT DID NOT.

Came on ahead! Calls the conductor to the car behind. After much continued on Page 2, Column 7.

GERMANS IN IRELAND DEFIED BY PREMIER

Lloyd George Declares Irish Secession Will Be Fought With Determination

London, Dec. 23.—Two separate parliaments—one for Ulster and the other for the south of Ireland—with a council elected by both serving as a connecting link. That, in a nutshell, is the new solution of the Irish problem offered by Premier Lloyd George in the House of Commons. The bill, claiming it will not be introduced until the next session, early in 1920. The Premier merely gave an outline of it.

The two legislatures are to be clothed with full constituent powers to create one single parliament for the whole of Ireland and to discharge all powers not specifically reserved to the Imperial Parliament. But that is left to the future, and will be possible only if the two warring factions decide to get together for a joint governmental plan.

Of a separate Irish republic, such as the dream of the Sinn Féin, there can be no question, as far as the British government is concerned. On the contrary, it will fight any such movement to the last ditch. "I think it is right to say in the face of the influence put forward from Ireland with apparent authority," said the premier, "that any attempt at secession will be fought with the same determination, the same resources and the same resolve as did the Northern States of America. It is important that this be kept in mind throughout the world, but in Ireland itself." The premier was shortly at this point in his speech.

"Any arrangement involving Ireland from the United Kingdom would be continued on Page 2, Column 1.

Paderewski, Weary of Politics, to Play in U. S. Soon

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, Boston American Staff Correspondent.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—Ignace Paderewski, who recently resigned as Premier of Poland, will return to America. Not only that, but he will also return to the domain of music, in which he is one of the great, according to a dispatch from Warsaw.

Friends of M. Paderewski are quoted as saying that the ex-Premier told them he is weary of political life, and is grieved with having helped to form a new Poland, and having got it started upon a new historical course, now returns to private life.

\$15,000 DAMAGE IN HARTFORD STREET FIRE

Two Alarms Sounded for Blaze Believed to Have Started from Spontaneous Combustion

A two-alarm fire of unknown origin which started in the basement of No. 25 Hartford street, shortly after midnight, caused a loss of \$15,000 to occupants of the building.

M. E. Bradley of No. 251 Webster street, East Boston, in company with H. H. Wilkinson of No. 8 Lyman street, Lynn, discovered the fire and pulled the alarm. The blaze is believed to have started from spontaneous combustion.

The Johnson Service Co., Inc., and Hing Bros., Inc., located on the street floor, suffered the heaviest losses. Other occupants of the building are Empire Railway Specialty Company, Ambrose Nickel Plating Company, A. H. Smith, printers, L. D. Boyce, Inc., & Moody, printers, and the F. & F. Specialty Company.

GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO QUILTS FIUME FOR GOOD

London, Dec. 23.—Captain d'Annunzio has relinquished his command at Fiume and has departed from the city. He has been replaced by a new agency dispatch from Rome, which has reached an agreement to allow Fiume to be occupied by Italian soldiers. D'Annunzio and his followers occupied Fiume on September 12.

BRITISH REOCCUPY BAKU AND BATUM OIL FIELDS

London, Dec. 23.—British troops have reoccupied Baku and Batum in order to prevent the Turks from invading the Caucasus, said a Russian wireless dispatch from Moscow today. Baku and Batum are in the heart of rich oil fields.

ROBBERS BEAT NEW YORK HOTEL GUEST, STEAL \$4,000

New York, Dec. 23.—Two daring burglars broke into a room on the fifth floor of the fashionable Knickerbocker Hotel, 42d street and Broadway, early today, beat A. J. Broderick, a guest, into insensibility with a hammer, took his wife to the bed with torn sheets and stole \$4,000 in money and jewels.

ROUND UP OF 'REDS' GOES ON

Hundreds More of Self-Confessed Anarchists Will Be Sent to Europe Soon

By International News Service.
New York, Dec. 23.—Hundreds of self-confessed anarchists, who have been rounded up in various parts of the country will be rushed to Ellis Island for deportation during the next week, it was learned from reliable sources today.

With the Buford—the so-called "Boston Red"—now three days at sea with her cargo of 250 undesirable, it is understood that preparations are in progress at once for the sailing of a second ship. Whether it will go to Russia or to some other European country is not known. The families of the deported men are to be sent out of the country to enable them to join their husbands and fathers.

Rev. Fred Shoberg, trial of the Church of the Association is first available, who considered the deportation of Alexander Barbans, Anna Goldman and their 240 fellow radicals, may be summoned before the House Committee on Immigration to give his views. It is known Dr. Grant compared the Buford to the Mayflower and the departure to the Pilgrims.

Next Thursday, CHRISTMAS, All Editions of the Boston American Will Be Omitted

**Thirsty Mob Crowds
All Trains Bound
for Canada**

Chicago, Dec. 23.—"What's the big idea," asked an official of the Michigan Central Railroad, look-

SAYS PALMER

Issues Statement Asserting
That Prices Failed to Jump
in November

Washington, Dec. 23.—Asserting that the cost of living in November was no greater than it was in August, Attorney-General Palmer made public a statement outlining the results

The fact that living costs were no higher last month than they were in August is referred to as "significant." As in former years, extending back to 1911, the returns for November show

The statement points out that the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that in the Fall months of 1916, 1917 and 1918 there were advances in retail food prices of 12, 18 and 16 points

Promises of favorable results in the coming months toward reducing the cost of living is held out.

downward trend ordinary may be expected in the part of the year between January 1 and March 1 and it is to be hoped that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government, which is fast now getting well under way.

The statement says that "a very solemn duty to assist in reducing the cost of living and particularly to eliminate profiteering rests upon honest and responsible business men of all classes. To bring about co-operation in this direction the national

Credit is given in the statement to the work done by women's organizations throughout the country and an appeal made for an extension of an

citizens toward making the campaign a success by saving and eliminating extravagance and by joining with the Department of Justice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding.

Emphasis is laid on three essential factors: increases in production, elimination of extravagant buying and the determined hunting down of profiteers of all classes.

meeting of the so-called "high cost of living cabinet," which was attended by Secretary of Navy Daniels, Secretary of Commerce, Alexander V. Muddoch and William B. Colver of the Federal Trade Commission, R. G. Lefingwell, Assistant Secretary of the

Treasurer; Walker D. Hines, Director-General of Railroads; Charles B. Ames, assistant to the Attorney-General; Howard E. Figg, special assistant to the Attorney-General, and A. Mitchell Palmer, Attorney-General.

**NORTH ADAMS CHARITIES
DISTRIBUTE XMAS CHEER**
North Adams, Dec. 23.—About sixty-five baskets of food and 200 pairs of children's shoes will be distributed to worthy poor in this city on Christmas eve.

FLAMES ENDANGER

SOUTH LAWRENCE
Lawrence, Dec. 23.—A two-alarm fire which started in the Willard creamery, at No. 175 South Broadway, threatened the thickly settled portion of South Lawrence and resulted in the burning of the building.

The damage will not exceed \$5,000.



Missa

Black Brown
Calf \$13.00

ced Value

present price, would be in-
original cost that we would be
\$17 a pair.

the snow and ice season,
g or storm boot; so well
that it does not feel too

5, \$18, \$19 up to \$30

Catalogue on request.
here in United States

Neil Company

STON 15 WEST STREET

"S-C" CHIEF IN DEAN MURDER

CHIEF OF POLICE PRESTON'S EGGING

TO BE WITNESS

East Jaffrey, N. H., Dec. 23.—One of the most sensational developments for months in connection with the inquiry into the murder of Dr. William Kendrick Dean occurred when Chief of Police William W. Preston, of this town, was removed from office while they were engaged in gathering murder evidence.

Chief of Police Preston was summoned before the board of selectmen by their office over the public library, and a lively session ensued. The selectmen, in fact, attacked from the shoulder. This fact Preston said that he had never been in the selectmen's room. Several witnesses told the selectmen that Preston had been in the room while they were engaged in a session in the public and in the interest of law and order.

REFUSES TO RESIGN.
Chief Preston was asked to resign. He refused to do so and was promptly notified that he would be dropped from office. The order read in this sense:

"William W. Preston, chief of police of Jaffrey, N. H., is hereby removed from the office of chief of police of Jaffrey, N. H., to take effect at once, with one month pay in lieu of salary."

BOSTON WINNING BACK MORE PORT BUSINESS
THIRTY more steamers were loaded at this port during the month ending November 30 than in the corresponding period of last year, showing that Boston is making a strong bid to win back the second port of the United States, according to a report made in Current Affairs, the journal of the Chamber of Commerce.

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CHARGE LYNN MAILMAN OPENED XMAS PACKAGE
Charged with taking a Christmas package out of a two-wheeled car, Earl B. Barker, of Boston, was arrested today by police officers. Barker, who is charged with the murder of a man, was arrested today by police officers. Barker, who is charged with the murder of a man, was arrested today by police officers.

WESTFIELD MURDERER IS SENTENCED TO DIE
Springfield, Dec. 23.—Antonio Targio, of Westfield, was sentenced to death today by the jury in the murder of a man. Targio, who is charged with the murder of a man, was sentenced to death today by the jury in the murder of a man.

FRANCE HONORS GENERAL ANDRAN, NOW IN HUB
The French government has significantly honored Major-General Andrane, who is now in the United States. Andrane, who is a hero of the war, was honored by the French government.

LABORERS DEMAND RAISE IN LAWRENCE
Lawrence, Dec. 23.—Giving the high cost of living in Lawrence as a reason, the laborers have demanded a raise in wages. The laborers have demanded a raise in wages.

FOUND ALCOHOL DRINKER WOOD DEAD IN DOORWAY
The police are seeking identification of a man found dead in a doorway at No. 10, of Currier street. The man was found dead in a doorway at No. 10, of Currier street.

COUNTLESS SEEKS AID HERE FOR WOUNDED POLES

Countless numbers of people are seeking aid here for the wounded Poles. The people are seeking aid here for the wounded Poles.

WOMEN AIM TO MAKE YOUTH OF AMERICA 'FIT'
Miss Evelyn Brooks, of Providence, R. I., is the president of the recently formed "Fit for America" committee. The committee is formed for the purpose of making the youth of America fit.

GIVES PLYMOUTH \$12,000 MUSICAL LIBRARY
Plymouth, Dec. 23.—One of the first of the gifts of the Plymouth Pilgrimage fund, estimated to cost \$12,000, the gift of a musical library, is to be made to the Plymouth Pilgrimage fund.

SEIZE \$77,000 IN APPLES CONSIGNED TO LONDON
One of the largest seizures made in the history of the United States was made today by the customs officers. The seizure was made of apples consigned to London.

MORE PAY DEMANDED BY NEW YORK CAR MEN
New York, Dec. 23.—Another strike was threatened here today by the car men. The car men are demanding more pay.

DESPONDENT CHELSEA MAN CUTS THROAT
Harry Acherbach, 515, of Summer street, Chelsea, is at the front hospital, after having cut his throat with a sharp instrument early today. Acherbach is a despondent man.

Blames Mushy Songs and Women Teachers for Molluscoides
Chicago, Dec. 23.—Mushy songs and women teachers are blamed for the spread of molluscoides. The blame is placed on these two factors.

Heaven Help Goughs! Chicago Women to Try Profiters
Chicago, Dec. 23.—Mr. Gough, who is a profiteer, is being tried in court. The women of Chicago are trying to profit from the situation.

WALTHAM CITY MANAGER GOES TO WATERTOWN, N. Y.
Charles A. Blum, city manager of Waltham, has gone to Watertown, N. Y. Blum is going to Watertown, N. Y.

IS CHARGED WITH 'IMMORAL' ACTS

He is charged with 'immoral' acts. The man is charged with 'immoral' acts.

Special Session to End Today: \$1 Increase Expected as Compromise with Mayor
With adjournment in sight, both branches of the legislature today for a final struggle on the \$1 tax-increase bill. The legislature is expected to adjourn today.

WAR-BOILER PHONE
Representative B. H. Reading, of Cambridge, has introduced a bill to create a war-boiler phone. The bill is intended to create a war-boiler phone.

COMPANY WITH PETERMAN
Major Peterman has been appointed to a new position. Peterman has been appointed to a new position.

RELIEVE RAILWAYS
The railways are being relieved of their burden. The railways are being relieved of their burden.

ALLEGED THIEVES WAR RECORD AS ALIBI
Lawrence, Dec. 23.—The local district court today heard the case of alleged thieves. The thieves are using their war record as an alibi.

PLAY HOURS SUNDAY IN LEXINGTON CHURCH
Lexington, Dec. 23.—To provide the children of Lexington with a place to play on Sunday, the church has decided to play hours on Sunday.

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Poker and Bridge Too Slow, English Women Dabble in Stocks

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General Gets Warm Greeting and Medal of Honor in His Missouri Birthplace
Lafayette, Mo., Dec. 23.—Lafayette was warmly greeted today by the people of his birthplace. Lafayette was given a medal of honor.

WOMEN OF THE FUTURE
The women of the future are being prepared. The women of the future are being prepared.

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THE THIMBLE THEATRE

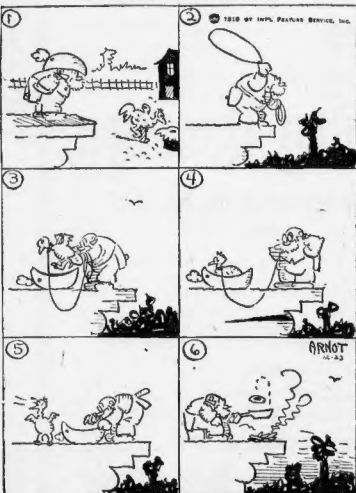
Now Showing—"Over the Cliff"

The Hero.....Harold Hamgravy
The Maiden.....Olivia Oyl
The Villain.....Willie Wormwood
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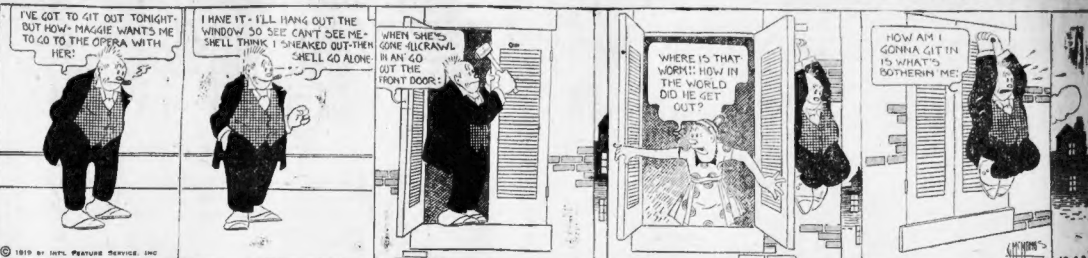
Kabibble Kabaret

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DEAR MR. KABBIBLE,
AND YOUNG MEN WILL CALL ON ME SINCE WE ADVED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF A NON-ELEVATOR APARTMENT—
WANT CAN THE PERSON BE?
THEY DON'T MIND WALKING UP THE SIX FLIGHTS OF STAIRS—IT'S BEING KICKED DOWN!

BRINGING UP FATHER

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JERRY ON THE JOB

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No Burglar Can Fool This Kid



ABIE THE AGENT

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Abie Doesn't Want the Cure Himself



POLLY AND HER PALS

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Mr. Perkins Has a Bright Idea



BOOBY HATCH

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He Might Have Been Right



HON AND DEARIE

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Hon's Catnip Nips the Cat



Should Probe Use of a Certain Street Railway Fund

Representative Niland of East Boston has a resolution pending before the appropriate committee for an inquiry into the uses to which a certain fund, alleged to have been raised by those interested in the securities of Massachusetts street railways, for the purpose of effecting legislation, has been put.

There cannot be any good reason for REFUSING to make this inquiry and there are very many important reasons FOR making the inquiry. No evidence has yet been adduced which proves that the fund was not properly raised and has not been properly expended. People have a right to spend their own money for the purpose of presenting their side of a case involving legislation affecting their interests so long as the money is properly raised and properly spent and so long as the public knows all that it ought to know about the uses to which it is put and at the proper time. Not only should there be publicity concerning expenditures intended to affect public opinion, but there should be SEASONABLE publicity so that the public may judge the disinterestedness and motives of men involved before decision.

We do not know that anybody opposes this inquiry. If it is opposed it can only be opposed by a guilty conscience.

Ways in Which Our Debtors Can Pay Us What They Owe

If European countries must have American raw material and manufactured goods—and it is obvious that for years to come they must—why not let them make payment in things which they can readily dispose of, which we could use and which would benefit the people most concerned?

Mr. Gilbert Parker has suggested, for instance, that the British Bahama, lying just off Florida and controlling the entrance to the Gulf, and possibly Jamaica also, would be strategically and commercially valuable to us; and surely the influx of American capital and the benefits of free trade with the United States would be worth more to the inhabitants of these islands than English ownership. And notwithstanding the official disclaimer in Parliament of any intention to dispose of "any part of the British Empire," the law of barter often takes precedence of purely political state dictated by temporary considerations of pride.

The same considerations are true of the British and French islands eastward and southward from Porto Rico and our Virgin Island territories.

Again, it is understood that the British Government has a substantial interest in the Carib Corporation, which is developing tremendous oil fields in Colombia, near the Panama Canal and in other oil development and storage enterprises, at various strategic points along trade and shipping routes in waters which will be increasingly frequented by our reviving merchant marine.

Secured originally with a view to fostering British control of the world's carrying trade, these properties present peculiar trading values with which a practical government at Washington would reckon.

We may be sure that, if the situation were reversed, the intensely practical men who rule the British Empire would make bargains advantageous to their own country.

Thomas Jefferson, who hated imperialism as much as he hated war, took advantage of the Napoleonic struggle to negotiate in secret the Louisiana purchase and we thus bought most of the Golden West, beyond the Mississippi River.

Would that our modern statesmen could be as far-sighted now in some of the twentieth century settlements.

Christmas Good Will

The Columbia Trust Company of East Boston has undertaken to pay the Christmas Club obligations of the Old South Trust Company. This is an obligation assumed by the Columbia Trust Company without any compensating advantages and is pure Christmas good will toward those who have industriously saved in order to have money to spend for Christmas. It amounts to a great many thousands of dollars, and is a fine example of the good will toward men which is the duty of the hour.

Once-Overs

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WHEN WOOL OUTRANKS SILK?

Look here, little miss, are you one of the silkstocking set? You think you cannot be seen on the street without the most expensive, footgear, consequently you keep your father and mother racked to get the wherewithal to pay your upkeep? You would be quite insulted if you were called "crude," wouldn't you?

Then you would be very unhappy if you knew that the very persons you think you are appealing, the really solid financially who can have whatever they want whenever they want to buy it, would not wear such raiment to school, as you think they must wear. It makes no difference how much money you have, suitability comes first.

The really rich wear sport clothes when sport clothes are needed. Would the millionaire's daughter wear high-heeled French boots on the golf links?

Not unless she belonged to the newly rich. If you want to be considered real quality, wear the simple, substantial things to school and for walking, and save your silks and bangles for evening occasions.

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More Truth Than Poetry



An Appeal to the Telephone Girls

By S. E. KISER

Officials of the Bell Telephone Company complain because the switchboard operators have a tendency to get married or go to other jobs, when lured by offers of higher wages.

YOUNG ladies, will you ever hold to reason? And cease to wander from the righteous way? You can't be unaware that it is treason To listen when you're offered higher pay. And when young men, made crazy by your beauty, Appeal to you to wear engagement rings, You should consider first your daily duty, Refusing to have thoughts of base things.

REGARD yourselves as being dedicated Forever to the purpose that you serve; If authors try to coax you to be mated Repulse them, and upbraid them for their nerve; No matter what they promise, don't surrender, Why should you be assuming family cares? Be deaf to Love's appeal, however tender; It only leads to matrimonial snares.

WHEN bankers, brokers, merchants or physicians Come with their tempting lures and winning smiles To offer higher pay and soft conditions Be ready to resist their wicked wiles. Cash, it is true, may help to make life sunny, And being always lured up is a bore, But why should you yield to the lure of money? You'd spend it, anyhow, if you had more.

SO girls, remain; resist the sweet temptations Brought by young men, enchanted by your charms; Don't let them lead you to high social stations, Halt when you've let them take you in their arms. She who steps into wedlock's coils encumbers Herself with trouble. For the love of Mike Continue, when we ask for certain numbers, To give us any others that you like.



SUSPICION BECOMES CERTAINTY

Pershing confirms the suspicion that the American forces had something to do with winning the war. We have felt sure from the beginning that they must have had a look-in somewhere, even if they were not caught in the act by any English observer.

Letters to the Editor

Yankee Division History

Editor Boston American:

At this time when so much is being said in praise of Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, I would like to make a slight protest against a statement that appeared in "The History of the Yankee Division," by Harry A. Benwell. In the first chapter of this book the author says: "The history of the 20th Division is sort of a novelty to me. Please won't you find me some one, kindly little old State to whom I wish to direct, in any way from the fame of General Edwards, who undoubtedly did not receive his just due from the War Department. I do wish to object to this statement."

All New England knows and appreciates what General Edwards did, but I think it is going too far to say that he was the entire 20th. Every member of that organization did his share. There were also many officers who did much for the Division, but because of their lower rank failed to get the proper credit.

I do not know, of course, whether the division would have made such a remarkable showing under any other commanding officer. I do feel, however, that New England traditions, New England insistence that right prevail, and above all New England courage, had much to do with the outcome. PRO HONO PUBLICO.

"A Man Without a State" Editor Boston American: A little puzzle occurred to me, as follows: When is a man, living in Massachusetts, and not a resident of any other State, not a resident of Massachusetts? Answer: When he applies for the \$100 State bonus!

I don't belong to any State; I have no home in any. This wishy washy information I acquired at the State House recently, and apparently this is the predicament I'm in.

I was in the U. S. less than a month before enlisting in the U. S. Marine Corps, serving from 1908 to 1912. Enlisting and was discharged at Philadelphia. Applied for enlistment in the Coast Artillery Corps in 1912 in Philadelphia, was sent to Fort Schuyler, N. Y., and accepted there; was transferred to Fort Warren, Mass. (Boston Harbor), May 1, 1912. Discharged at

Fort Warren March 22, 1915, and immediately re-enlisted. There, I was informed that, although I had lived at Fort Warren two years, ten months and twenty-two days previous to my last enlistment, I had not been a resident of this State for six months, and therefore was not entitled to the bonus.

I have heard of "men without a country," but "a man without a State" is sort of a novelty to me. Please won't you find me some one, kindly little old State to whom I wish to direct, in any way from the fame of General Edwards, who undoubtedly did not receive his just due from the War Department. I do wish to object to this statement."

Incidentally, that \$100 would come in mighty handy right now, and somehow I've a foolish notion that I'm entitled to it.

GUSTAV STERNBERG, 10 Worcester square.

Public Tax Stands

Editor Boston American: I was much pleased to read in a recent issue of the American your editorial on the tax situation in Boston. It has done much to lighten a lot of our members who are interested in the tax situation in Boston. It has done much to lighten a lot of our members who are interested in the tax situation in Boston.

Not Main Object How often have I heard the pretense made with an appearance of head indignation, that the sole object of game laws, with their open season, is to husband an important portion of the nation's food supply. If that had been the main object no such laws would ever have been passed, or even thought of. A very small fraction of the people ever eat game. Among those who, at the signal, drop work, tack themselves back into an atmosphere of savagery, very few are trusted solely by a desire to fill the pot.

It is the fascination of killing that draws them.

ALEXANDER BARNWART, President, Independent Tax Association.

Stars and Stripes

A beautiful Bavarian countess has eloped with a bright-eyed, evidently she doesn't expect a drop in the price of brick laying.

A man's mother always is willing to give him the benefit of the doubt, but his wife can't understand why there should be any doubt.

PASSION TO KILL WILD ANIMALS STRONG

By Garrett P. Serviss

I CALLED at a garage in New Jersey a short time ago and was told by the proprietor, who was all alone and hard at work, that nothing could be done for my lame silver because the legal season for shooting had just opened and all his men had demanded a day off to go and kill something. That same morning I received an appeal from the New York United Hospital Fund, which is a charitable organization to save life and prevent suffering among men and women and their offspring.

These two coincident experiences afford a glimpse at what Mr. Emerson would have called the "poetry" of human nature. I admit that a magnet cannot exist without two opposite poles, but I am not ready to admit that a man is necessarily, and hopelessly, in the same predicament. There may have been a time in human evolution when the pole of evil completely compensated the pole of good, but I should despair for the future of mankind if I believed that today. Either the good has gained, and will gain still more in the future, or else we may as well confess that civilization has no moral tendency, or basis, but simply clothes brutal instincts in deceptive garments.

It is not likely that the time will ever come when man will cease to be a carnivorous animal. So the killing of lower animals to furnish food for their master. Millions will always be reared in domestication for no other purpose. But every humane person will grant that the killing of other animals, while it may be necessary to provide the best physical nourishment for man, is not a necessity in any other way—except, of course, when done in self-defense.

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Today

30 Years—For What? You Can't Deport Ideas Oasis, North and South To Subsidize Children By Arthur Brisbane

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A boy sixteen years old, Steve Wisak, was sentenced yesterday to thirty years in prison for murder in the second degree. The judge pointed to the fact that "you have been associated with a dangerous element."

What about shutting your eyes to the fact that a boy of sixteen is sent to prison for thirty years as a result of his environment? Who is responsible for the fact that there existed "a dangerous element," ready to contaminate a boy of sixteen?

In decent surroundings, protected from the "dangerous element," the boy might have grown to useful manhood. Now, thirty years of prison will make him a dangerous enemy of society. Is that the best that "civilization" can do to protect itself, and to atone for the fact that its incompetency permits the corrupting influence of "a dangerous element?"

You think it isn't. The Supreme Court now orders the government to show cause, on January 5, why certain appeals should not be allowed to prove that prohibition is unconstitutional.

This may mean delay, litigation extending beyond January 1, and prolonging a while the happy years. In the long run, however, prohibition will win.

Meanwhile, Cuba is preparing to be the little oasis across the blue water. They are spending millions to make the coasts attractive, with fine hotels, casinos where you may bet your money, while the learned person mixes your drink. Millions of gallons of whiskey will be sent. There will be the Southern Winter resort of the thirty.

And to the north, in Canada, where it is pleasant in Summer and winter, they have taken of the laws against horse racing and whiskey. Americans, who combine property with thirst, need only travel a little North and South, Summer and Winter.

Miss Emma Goldman and Mr. Berkman, anarchists, and willing to have you know it, are somewhere on the bounding deep, shipped away on a United States government boat with their anarchist friends. They think they could manufacture a better world than this.

In these days, what happens to 250 out of fifteen hundred million on earth is probably not important. But the Rev. Percy Stacey Grant, who preaches in one of New York city's ancient Fifth avenue churches, says the sailing away of these anarchists will make history as important as the arrival of the Mayflower's Puritans.

Nobody needs sympathize much with the 250 exiles, for they really like anarchy and excitement, and they are bound for Russia. Mr. Grant, to use the slang of the day, uttered a "mouthful" when he says: "You know, I think, that three hundred or three million and think you are going to deport those but you are not."

Sending away 250 radical ladies and gentlemen, as a solution of "social chaos" is a good deal like cutting off a smallpox pustule to get rid of a smallpox epidemic.

When you read about a United States transport coming in with a lot of men shot and a lot of others in iron, and when you read in your morning paper about a radical mob rioting at the Kingsbridge bridge, you realize that it would take a good many millions of dollars to get rid of radicalism and those supporting it. Find out what is the matter and fix that.

News come from New South Wales that the government proposes to subsidize all children, more than two, in any family. There might be more in that idea than in the idea of exporting radicalism, which is a good deal like sending out of the country to get rid of cold weather or the ancient gentleman's plan of having the sea whipped because it was not quiet enough to suit him.

They are wise in England. There you may say what you like, think what you like. They will let you know. They know how to tell all about it. But when you begin to do that, changing your opinion, when you are so sure, they attend to you rapidly.

And, outside of Ireland, Great Britain has been less troubled by radical action than any other part of the world. They know how to deal with men, as with engines, it is important to make some arrangement for letting off steam.

VITAL PROBLEM OF THE ENGAGEMENT RING

Who owns the engagement ring? The engagement is broken? This is a burning question, and one which many couples doubtfully feel. It is a question to solve, sometimes, of course, the jeweler still owns it. The matter, however, will be discussed in detail in next Sunday's massive section of the BOSTON SUNDAY ADVERTISER.